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: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING BODIES HAVING A NON-

CIRCULAR CROSS SECTION

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 7/17/97, please RECEIVED amend this application as follows:

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In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-5 and 11, directed to nonelected inventions, without prejudice.

Please cancel claims 9-10 without prejudice (substituting new claims 12-16 set forth below).

Please amend the claims as follows:

A hand-held tool for (Twice Amended) shearing <u>by transverse forces</u> a body having a non-circular crosssection by the application of torsional force, said tool comprising an upper shearing element and a lower shearing element, each of said shearing elements having an upper side and a lower side, said upper shearing element having opposing cutting edges at its lower side and said lower shearing element having

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